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Each week JMB randomly picks timeshare condominiums for rent and for sale in SXM from the huge selection at http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml and features them here.

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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 11/1/2019 11/30/2020 **Week 1 to 52 Dawn Beach Club Front Beach Building A!** Completely renovated after Hurricane Irma. 3BR 2 Bath with laundry. A full 1800 square feet with decks from the master BR and living room within stones throw of beach. Master has dressing area, walk-in closet, and bath. Luxury appointments everywhere. Full kitchen with refrigerator, stove, dishwasher. Laundry has full W/D so you can pack light! This is a banked week so I will have to confirm if you week of choice is available. Pool, poolside restaurant, exercise room, and many other extras. \$2,400.00 Steve 864-420-7034 JUDGEbartlett@gmail.com Posted 10-19.

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

RENTAL 2/15/2020 2/22/2020 Week 7 **Simpson Bay Resort & Marina President's Week. Beautiful renovated one-bedroom unit, sleeps four.** This 4th floor unit, in the Beaumontia Bldg (lower B) has balcony with gorgeous ocean views, beautiful sunsets overlooking Simpson Bay. Air-conditioned, fully equipped kitchen, large private bedroom with king-size bed, living room with additional pullout queen bed. Resort offers several pools, many restaurants, tennis courts, new fitness center, a convenience store, water sports, casino, and The Red Piano piano bar. Many local restaurants and bars in easy walking distance. Timeshare tax is due upon checkout. For more info see: <http://www.simpsonbayresort.com>. \$1,450 Mary-Beth 7246985896 marybeth.mccormack@gmail.com

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

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SECTION 1: Getting There: Flights, Airlines, Airports, Cruises, & Weather

1. Wet Winter Weather Leaves Puddles, Potholes

During January, SXM experienced unusually wet weather — the wettest January in recent memory.

The bad weather ended toward the middle of last week, leaving behind some significant puddles and a few cavernous potholes.

VROMI, which handles US public-works type projects in SXM, has no capability of its own to fix potholes, so the jarring potholes just sat there for a while. Then VROMI created a press release announcing that it was going to have a private company fix them — something that should've been automatic and certainly was not press-release worthy.

In any case, relief finally appears to be on the way — as long as the current great hot, clear weather continues, as expected. Despite all the recent rain and full cisterns, the forecast for the next several months is for drought through much of the Caribbean.

2. Where to Find Current SXM Weather Info

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, www.everythingsxm.com, and clicking either of the weather observations at the top of the page.

The four sources of current weather info, beyond the two above, are:

- 1) **[Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.**
- 2) Our "Weather" page at www.everythingsxm.com -- it has current satellite images and radar loops and now all the latest NHC weather forecasts, outlooks, and advisories as well. There are now also active weather widgets on the site's home page.
- 3) Our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which publishes the latest advisories, watches, and warnings when SXM is threatened by any storms.
- 4) On or off the island, listen to Island 92 -- 91.9FM or see www.island92.com. They report island warnings at once and know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming.
- 5) For a quick look at weather radar exactly where you are or where you're going, try the My Radar phone app or My Radar for Windows -- excellent programs.

Get a quick, current satellite look at the Atlantic basin anytime: <http://www.goes.noaa.gov/GIFS/ATWV.JPG> .

N. B.: *Again...Never rely on any website if you're in the path of a storm; always heed warnings from local authorities.*

Download your own NHC Hurricane Chart:

Years ago, before we were all saturated with weather information from cable TV to local (redundant and repetitive) news and forecasts plus weather updates and bulletins on our smart phones, gas stations and television stations offered printed hurricane tracking charts so people at home could try to figure out for themselves whether they were about to get slammed by the latest hurricane.

We haven't seen hurricane tracking chart handouts for years, but if you want one they are easy to get.

The exact charts used by the National Hurricane Center (NHC) are available for download from the NHC [here](#). Select "Atlantic" and you're good to go. You can print out the chart and use it repeatedly, or simply print a bunch of them and use one for each storm that may approach an area of interest -- like, SXM. Bear in mind that this hurricane season may well be frontloaded — so you might want to print a few of these now and *not* save doing that for later.

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3. Guaranteed Big-Time Savings on Hotels, Cruises, Car Rentals

We're now giving JMB Website Supporters members and *SXM Weekly News* readers access to a private, "members only" travel wholesale club that offers incredible prices not only on airfares but on travel reservations and packages worldwide.

SkyMed Travel offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have found their pricing excellent across the board and their 115% low rate guarantee on hotels and car rentals is real news.

Normally, SkyMed Travel charges \$99 to join plus \$99 annual renewals. But for our JMB Website Supporters members and now for Weekly News readers, the cost to join is zero as will be the cost for renewals. Join the Club by going to <https://www.skymedtravel.com/register>, sign up, and provide the requested information. Complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330 — doing that ensures that you pay nothing for your SkyMed Travel Club membership. No code, no free entry to the club's phenomenal pricing. *If you are a SkyMed Member, however, enter your SkyMed Membership Number there to get the absolute greatest possible discounts.*

You won't be disappointed.

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SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Resorts, Timeshares, Villas Etc..

4. Towers at Mullet Bay Current Status Report

Towers at Mullet Bay Report from the Heeringa Family, Charlene & Randy:

On Sunday, January 19, my husband Randy had the opportunity to tour the Towers at Mullet Bay. We own weeks 51, 52, 1, 2, 3, and 4 in unit 410.

Randy spoke with Carmella at the front desk and asked if he could speak with Mr. Clarence Derby, manager at the Towers at Mullet Bay. Mr. Derby is currently residing in unit 401 of the Towers. He spoke with Mr. Derby via telephone and readily and eagerly spoke to me.

Mr. Derby told me inquiry has been made and it looks like money will become available in a month or two. The increase by the government was only to employ votes for parliamentary purpose. I (Randy) asked permission to tour

the facility. Mr. Derby granted me permission to do so with assistance of two housekeeping staff.

I toured units on floors 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, especially unit 410 which I own ... and know quite well. There was a smell of mustiness as I entered my unit. I saw no evidence of mold and mildew in the bathroom as I have in previous years. All furniture, couches, chairs, and beds were all present. Air-conditioning is working but not currently on in our unit. There also was a dehumidifier in the room but not running. I then toured units on floors 6, 7, and 8. There was extensive wind and water damage to these units. It got increasingly worse as I went up in floors. Sliders were blown out and have not been replaced. The new sliders and screens were present in the units but not installed. There was scaffolding, drywall evident, and work had been started but stopped abruptly as if a switch had been turned off.

There is no hot water and no Internet or television. The pool is empty and [we] do not know the extent of repair for it to hold water. The snack bar area appeared to need minimal repairs and would be usable. The building that housed the towels, restrooms, fitness center, and library appeared to be ... usable. The area that bookkeeping maintained also appeared usable.

The two housekeeping staff that gave me the tour indicated that occupancy on levels one through five could become available soon. Of course, above issues would be to be resolved. Level 6 to 8 will take considerably more time to repair [perhaps a year, Randy told us verbally -Ed.]. Housekeeping also said that a handful of timeshare owners of lower floors insisted on coming and staying even though there were no amenities. [The lower floors at the towers] are currently taking in distressed travelers (i. e., people who lost homes for example) on lower floors.

The golf course appears well-maintained. There has been enough rain to keep things looking green. The fairways and greens have been mowed. Two or three of the greens appear to be scruffy just as they have been in past years.

I welcome any questions that you may have and I will do my best to answer. I have tried to be as specific as possible on my findings. Randy Heeringa, owner, unit 410 weeks 51, 52, 1, 2, 3 and 4, the Towers at Mullet Bay. [You will find this post in the FILES area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) where there's plenty of room for comments.-Ed.]

5. SECRETS New Opening Date Still Uncertain

As we reported last week, the official opening of the new SECRETS resort in Anse Marcel on the French side has again been delayed, but AMResorts, its owner, has not yet publicly announced the new date.

We are told that AMResorts is contacting everyone who had reservations during March (at least) about the change of dates and that it is supposedly helping them reschedule. As a matter of policy, sources tell us, the company notifies guests of schedule changes first, then tells the general public about the change. Nonetheless, we do expect to be able to learn the new opening date in the next few days. It would not surprise us — since we recently (and quietly) took a relatively close look at the resort — if it is not fully open until May at the earliest. Nonetheless, it remains to be seen what AMResorts will announce.

We will also be covering this in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

5a. Wyndham Returns to SXM at Port de Plaisance

As we reported here late last year, WYNDHAM has now returned to SXM.

Princess Port de Plaisance Resort has now become WYNDHAM Port de Plaisance resort -- that is now confirmed by new signs posted on the Union Road at the entrance to the resort near the eastern terminus of the causeway in Cole Bay.

6. Simpson Bay Resort Takes on Guests from Flamingo, RP

Diamond Resorts announced some time ago (as we published here) that both its Flamingo and Royal Palm properties in SXM won't be opening until some time late this coming Summer.

In the meantime, many of their thousands of timeshare owners, not wanting to be away from SXM during their normal weeks, have hooked up with Simpson Bay Resort to enable their usual visits to the island. In many cases, their timing requests have been honored, but in others they have enjoyed rescheduled visits during other times of the year, giving them an opportunity to check weather during other calendar periods.

Although many were not happy that Diamond has taken so long to rebuild, nonetheless many now understand that Diamond had to essentially create two new buildings out of the existing shells that were left behind by Irma.

Photographs run in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) have given timeshare owners at both resorts great insight into what's coming. We expect to continue to be able to run more photography as the opening comes closer.

7. Where to Find SXM Timeshare Condo & Villa Rentals

If you've been thinking during the holidays that you like to visit SXM sooner rather than later, SXM Weekly News has you covered.

First, check our main site, [everythingSXM.com](#) for timeshare condo rentals directly from their owners. We don't charge our JMB Website Supporters members any commission for rentals they sell through our site, so the price you get is strictly between you and the timeshare owner. Hundreds are available for dates throughout 2020, and more will be coming available in the weeks ahead for later months in 2020 and in 2021.

Second, if you're looking for villa accommodations, check with the rental agencies/real estate companies we have listed below as sponsors in story number XX. They are local experts who can custom tailor a villa rental to your needs for size, location, and price. You are much better off seeing local villa rentals agencies on SXM who are familiar with the products they are selling rather than deal with some big monolithic online villa rental outfit that knows nothing about St. Maarten or the units they are attempting to rent to you....

We also have a limited number of villas available on the same page with our timeshare rentals on [everythingSXM.com](#), our main SXM website.

8. How To Rent Out Or Sell Your Timeshare Units

If you own timeshare weeks that you would like to rent out or sell on our main [everythingSXM.com](#) website, you can do it once you become a member of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program. For all the details, go to our main site, [everythingSXM.com](#) and click on timeshare rentals in the navigation bar. You'll find the details about posting there. For information about joining JMB Website Supporters, click the page curl on all pages of [everythingSXM.com](#). As a member, you will have access to a growing pallet of about 300 discounts and other benefits including the ability to post up to 10 ads per year in our rental pages at [everthingsxm.com](#).

The ability to post timeshare rentals on our site is limited to JMB Website Supporters members only, and is not available to any others at any price.

9. Buying a Condo in SXM? Here's Important Info

Just before Thanksgiving 2018, working with Arun Jagtiani of Island Real Estate Team, we put together and conducted an SXM Relocation Seminar for dozens of attentive attendees at Emilio's Restaurant at the Emilio Wilson estate near Philipsburg.

Many of you have asked whether it would be possible for you to see video we made of our relocation seminar.

Although we do intend to put on future relocation seminars, the video of our November '18 seminar is available online to anyone interested in buying on SXM, whether for a vacation home, retirement home, income property, or anything else. Lots of outstanding info was communicated during this excellent seminar, and another is now in the

early planning stages.

See the video [here](#).

Please check this link to [BrightPath](#) in SXM, a company that can help provide very deep and expeditious help in completing residency requirements for people buying a second home, income property, or a new business in SXM, or relocating there. They're located in the Puerta del Sol building opposite Avantika, Simpson Bay, Dutch side. Ask for Vivian Chamas and let her know you heard about BrightPath through Jeff Berger's *SXM Weekly News*.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

10. JMB Member Discounts / Benefits -- Updates Underway

Jeff is working this winter to further increase the already huge number of restaurants, jewelry stores, hotels, and other businesses offering discounts or other incentives to members of our JMB Website Supporters SXM Island Discount Program.

As these additions are made, they will be reported here in *SXM Weekly News* and will also be noted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which currently offers roughly 300 discounts and other benefits to its thousands of members.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, [go here](#).

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

11. SXM Slams Door on Chinese National Visas

The entire Caribbean in recent days — just like most civilized nations worldwide — has been preparing contingency plans in case the Coronavirus makes its way to this region.

Sophisticated plans are already in place to deal with all aspects should a situation develop were any Caribbean nation must confront, contain, coordinate, and otherwise fully control such a situation.

As a preventative measure, SXM last week slammed the door shut on visas for Chinese nationals to come to SXM to work. The measure is temporary but it currently has no set expiration date.

12. Just in Case, Caribbean PRE-Plans Containment for Coronavirus

Please see the second and third paragraphs of story 11 in this issue which concern planning that has already been completed and is ready for implementation should a suspected or confirmed case of the coronavirus be found in SXM.

13. Going to Anguilla? Consider Avoiding Red Snapper, for Now

Ciguatera is an illness caused by eating fish contaminated with the ciguatera neurotoxin. Reef-feeding fish can swallow the toxin from the copper banks off St. Barth. If they are then consumed by larger fish, the larger fish then

carry the toxin.

There is no way to test fish to see if they have this toxin, but published reports say that evidence of the presence of the toxin has been found in Anguilla. On a temporary basis, we suggest readers seriously consider whether they wish to consume these particular fish sold in Anguilla or purchased from there.

Ciguatera is also known as paralytic fish poisoning. It doesn't cause paralysis, but it does affect the ability of the nervous system to distinguish between hot and cold and it could cause severe diarrhea and other effects which can last for many weeks. If you're a fan of red snapper, you might want to make sure the snapper you get is not sourced from Anguilla. There are many other fish that are readily available across the Caribbean. The [initial press reports about ciguatera](#) in Anguilla were published last week in the *SXM Daily Herald* newspaper.

14. Rudy's Deep Sea Fishing Knows Where To GO & NOT Go

One of the great pleasures of visiting SXM is to get out on the water with an experienced captain and enjoy some deep sea fishing. In most cases you don't get the entire fish (what would you do with it in the Caribbean?)... But you do get filets on request. Capt. Rudy of **Rudy's Deep Sea Fishing** (which gives discounts to members of our [JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program](#)) has been taking experienced and not-experienced island guests on deep-sea fishing expeditions for many years and knows the best places to go to get the highest quality fish. [Contact him](#) to set up an expedition for you or for your small group; half-day expeditions are readily available.

15. Keep Your Prescriptions OUT of Checked Luggage

It is never a good idea to put prescriptions, valuables, or any other important items in your checked luggage. The reason is clear — sometimes checked luggage disappears, temporarily or permanently, and the last thing you want to do is lose anything important inside missing luggage. This can be critically important for prescriptions....

16. Tour SXM's Award-Winning Vodka / Rum Distillery

Distilled here in SXM, [Toppers Rhum](#), sold in many states across the USA and in a number of foreign countries, now has a companion: Toppers Vodka. You can tour the distillery in the Cole Bay area as part of a regular tour. There, you can also buy a number of distillery souvenirs as well as some of Toppers great Rhum and vodka.

Although the vodka has not yet been formally introduced, nonetheless for the last few months it has been involved in taste tests against top brands and has proven to be a consistent winner. Toppers Rhums have won many awards and we absolutely expect Toppers vodkas to do the same.

For much more information, [go here](#). You can also inquire about a distillery tour at Toppers Restaurant in the heart of Simpson Bay.

17. Valentines Day Gifts Exclusively for JMB Members from Caribbean Gems

If you'll be on SXM any time between now in March 31, and if you're a JMB Website Supporters member, you can now download a free \$50 Caribbean Gems gift card [here](#). Go to the bottom of that page for the download link. *The card can be used toward purchases of precious gems or gold as described on the card in either of the Caribbean Gems locations on Front Street east of the historic Courthouse in Philipsburg.*

This certificate, **exclusively for JMB Website Supporters members**, enables you to buy some exquisite gifts for Valentine's Day or if you're here later in February or in March, for any other special occasion later this year (think Mother's Day, graduation, Father's Day, or any other occasion). This is the first of several offers our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program will be delivering directly to our JMB Website Supporters members. You will be required to present your JMB Website Supporters current, valid membership card plus a photo ID to take advantage of the \$50 gift card. It can NOT be redeemed without a valid, current JMB Website Supporters membership card.

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Other Valentine's Day gift ideas are being posted periodically in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

More news stories follow the important SkyMed Q&A below.

18. SkyMed Q&A / FAQ (New)

SkyMed® FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Answers to Common Questions

This document contains general SkyMed information in answer to common questions. SkyMed's services are defined by its Member Services Agreements – plain English documents that tell you what you get and how it works (see much more info below). As always, SkyMed offers a 30-day “Free Look period,” so if for any reason you're not satisfied with your unused SkyMed protection before 30 days have expired, SkyMed will refund your money.

Q1. Does it cover my trip to...?

1. Basic short-term and annual “SkyMed Takes You Home®” protection applies throughout the USA (all 50 states), Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global Emergency Travel Services (G.E.T.S., a subsidiary of SkyMed) protection is available outside the USA, CANADA, MEXICO, BAHAMAS, BERMUDA, and the CARIBBEAN (the rest of the world), however neither SkyMed nor G.E.T.S. covers trips to nations on the U. S. State Department's then-current “Do Not Travel” list – North Korea, Iran, and Venezuela currently, for example, and several others. Before planning a trip, check that list if you have any question about whether protection is provided for your destination – or call SkyMed directly during normal office hours (Mountain Standard Time) at 480 946 5188 or 1-800-475-9633.

Q2. Who is protected?

1. “Single” protection is available for individual travelers. “Family” protection includes your spouse or domestic partner and your young children up to 18 or 24 if they are full time students.

Q3. Do I need to call SkyMed before traveling outside my home country?

1. If you're traveling during the normal high season for travel to your destination, no. If you're traveling to your destination during its low season, do call SkyMed Member Services at the 800 number in the first question and let them know.

Q4. What if I'm going to a country not listed above in question 1?

1. Then you'll need (G.E.T.S) protection. If you have one of our Ultimate multiyear memberships, (G.E.T.S.) protection is included. On Annual (one-year) memberships, “G.E.T.S.” protection is an inexpensive option.

Q5. What's the difference between “short term” and “Annual” or multi-year protection?

1. Short-Term protection is intended for brief trips, say a week or two. Like Annual protection, it “Takes You Home®” to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you suffer a serious or critical illness or injury while traveling. Preexisting medical conditions are covered from day one with the short-term plan. It's inexpensive, only \$15/day for family protection. Remember, though, that Annual and Multi-year Ultimate memberships cost much less – only about \$1.35/day for family plans. Plus, they're guaranteed renewable without regard to advancing age or declining health. If you get a short-term plan, once it has expired, it is done, and you must reapply and requalify for another when you next travel. With Annual and multiyear Ultimate memberships, all you need do is renew before the renewal deadline – no need to reapply unless your membership has lapsed and the grace period has ended.

Q6. Is there an age limit for applications?

1. There is no age limit to apply. There's no age limit on renewals, either.

Q7. Can you cancel my protection at a certain age or if I get really sick?

1. Annual and multi-year Ultimate memberships are guaranteed renewable, as noted above. They will not be cancelled simply because you're a certain age or because your health has changed.

Q8. Will you raise the price of my membership at a certain age or if I get sick?

1. Once you're a SkyMed member, at renewal time you'll pay the same low renewal fees that everyone else with your type of membership pays. If you join at age 75 or older and purchase the X-Pat plan because you live in Mexico, the Bahamas, Bermuda, or the Caribbean, the X-Pat plan is more expensive than the standard traditional (Annual or multiyear Ultimate) plan.

Q9. What exactly does SkyMed cover? Is it health insurance?

1. You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits here:
<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

This is the same list you'll find on the back of our current membership applications. SkyMed provides up to 18 benefits related to medical evacuation if you suffer a serious or critical illness or injury while traveling. It is not health insurance – in the "SkyMed universe," SkyMed *Takes You Home*® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust, where your health insurance works.

Q10. What about pre-existing conditions? Are they covered?

1. Yes: for short-term memberships, medevac protection (including items listed in the answer to Q9, above) is included for critical illnesses or injuries related to pre-existing and non-pre-existing conditions. For Annual and multiyear Ultimate memberships, pre-existing conditions are covered after a brief 90-day waiting period.

Q11. I want guaranteed renewable protection because of my age, but I'm going on a trip sooner than 90 days. What can we do about that?

1. Get our inexpensive short-term membership to cover your near-term trip, including medical evacuations for serious or critical illnesses or injuries due to pre-existing conditions. At the same time, apply for an Annual or Ultimate membership, to kick in once your near-term trip ends.

Q12. I'm not traveling for a while. When should I apply?

1. Get SkyMed before you need it – just like fire insurance. Since you don't know when you'll need it – and since health can change in a heartbeat thanks to falls, accidents, or other issues – it's always better to do it sooner rather than later. Beyond that, if you have pre-existing conditions and get SkyMed Annual or multiyear Ultimate medevac protection now, that 90-day exclusion period for pre-existing conditions protection may well be finished by the time you travel.

Q13. What kind of questions do you ask in your application? Do you send somebody to do a medical exam?

1. There's no medical exam. Our application is simple, asking about hospitalizations in the last six months, your current medical conditions, and your prescriptions – and on the prescriptions, all we need is their name, not dosage info. If you have a complex medical history, SkyMed may ask for a "HQ" (health questionnaire) to be completed by your doctor and submitted to SkyMed by fax. You should also have your passport number handy; we record it so it's there in case you need help outside your home country.

Q14. How long does it take before I hear whether I'm accepted?

1. Generally just a few business days, but it's always best to do your application early to ensure sufficient time for processing.

Q15. I have more questions. Where do I find the answers?

1. SkyMed Ambassador Jeff Berger, located in Massachusetts, will be happy to answer your questions. Call his private line at 508-747-8281.

Q16. Can I sign up online?

1. For fastest results, we always suggest you contact us directly. We've done thousands of applications and can whisk you through the process in minimal time and with minimal bother. To get additional information first and see some customer stories, check our site, www.skymed.com/jmb. But to sign up, always call 508-747-8281.

The process normally takes about 10 minutes, if that.

Q17. Who can get SkyMed?

1. SkyMed is available to residents of the USA and Canada, and to X-Pats living in the countries listed in Q1. X-Pat protection is necessary if you live outside the US or Canada for six months or more, in aggregate, in any 12-month period. Always notify SkyMed if you move.

Q18. I have a rather deep medical history. Will SkyMed still accept me?

1. Although SkyMed accepts the vast majority of applications, others do get health questionnaires (see Q13) and occasionally some do not qualify. There is no cost to apply if your membership application cannot be accepted. A history of a heart attack or cancer several years ago or other maladies does not automatically signal any issues for SkyMed. Apply – there is nothing to lose (again, no charge if you're not accepted). And as we noted in Q6 there is no age limit to apply and no age limit to renew.

How to Contact Us or Sign Up

Jeff is a SkyMed Ambassador. Reach him directly at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time. You can also find him in Facebook Messenger through www.facebook.com/groups/mysxm or you can email him at jeff@jmbcommunications.com with the Subject **SkyMed**. He has an alternate Skype number too, 508-591-3483. It is always best to sign up by phone directly with Jeff at the numbers above – it's fast & easy.

From:
JMB Communications
Membership Services
support@jmbcommunications.com

19. Drinking, Driving, Seat Belts, Cell Phones

Drinking, driving, not wearing seatbelts, and talking on your cell phone are bad ideas which in many places are also against the law — including SXM.

Penalties on the French side for doing any of this are severe, and are assessed against every person in your car. For your own good health — physical and financial — please do not drink and drive on roads here on SXM or anywhere else, and use your cell phone only after pulling off the road, when you are out of traffic. And you must wear your seatbelts and order others in your car to do the same or it could be costly....

20. Beautiful Weddings and Vow Renewals on the Beach in SXM

For the last several years, our number one recommended go-to source for beach weddings, vow renewals, and other special celebrations has been:Fawnette Scott-Angelides, who is not only a licensed wedding officiant (reverend doing spiritual ceremonies) but also the owner along with her husband Michael of Azure Hotel and Art Studio on a beautiful stretch of Simpson Bay beach on the Dutch side.

Fawnette and Michael can do everything you need — provide help with paperwork if you want, or do the official celebration only here in SXM (many people just to the celebration here as a destination wedding); Tents; Flowers; music; officiants; rings; wedding cake; dinner; chairs; and virtually anything else you can think of. She can plan it all, start to finish.

Fawnette & Michael are great people who have been on the island for many years and who serve clients right. By all means [get in touch](#) with them at their hotel on the beach and turn your wedding/vow renewal/island celebration from concept to reality today.

21. Jimbo's Closes in Two Months...

There are just two months left in the life of Jimbo's near-legendary Mesquite grill/TexMex Restaurant in Simpson

Bay, which is going out of business forever on March 31. Jimbo lost his lease and the property will actually be torn down once he closes.

He is looking at other locations but has not yet finalized anything. Once he does, we will announce when the other property will open and what the new concept there will be. The current concept will go away April 1.

Jimbo does plan a bash to celebrate the success he has had at his restaurant on his last evening, March 31. Reservations will be essential.

22. What Do You Need? It's "All in One Place"

If you often find yourself needing something relatively little or something you forgot before heading out on your trip to SXM, chances are high that you'll find it at All in One Place, the former Super Dollar Store just after the Carrefour market in Philipsburg as you head east toward Emilio Wilson Park and Emilio's Restaurant. It's only about 150 yards down the road after you pass the Carrefour Roundabout.

Carrying somewhere around 10,000 different SKUs, the store has everything from greeting cards to children's coloring books to cosmetics to tools to electrical items to picture frames to pads, pens, and pencils and a dizzying number of other things. Sometimes we go there knowing exactly what we're looking for and we come away not only with that, but with a half dozen other things — all at very reasonable prices. Go in and meet Alvin and Pam and tell them Jeff Berger's *SXM Weekly News* sent you. It will be a regular stop on future trips.

23. Want an SXM Vacation? How to enter our Vacation Giveaway

During our "Paradise SXM" Event, we'll be giving away several SXM vacations, including weeks at Simpson Bay Resort, Belair Beach Hotel, Adonis Cupecoy hotel, Azure Hotel and Art Studio on Simpson Bay beach, and El Zafiro hotel and restaurant on Simpson Bay beach -- and other properties to be announced.

The giveaway celebrates our site surpassing 6.5 million visits. Most of the weeks we give away will be handed out to randomly picked entries late in March. Some others — particularly at villas and condominiums to be announced — will be given away a bit later. All are subject to seasonal limitations and availability.

In addition to vacations, we will give away dinners for two, gifts at jewelry stores, day sails, probably zipline trips, a car rental, and possibly some major gifts on one or two neighboring islands - all to be announced soon.

Here is more on our Paradise SXM vacation giveaway. To enter the giveaway, go to our home page at everythingxsm.com. That's the only place & the only way you can find the link to enter our giveaway. All winners ***MUST*** be subscribers to SXM Weekly News (required); it's free. We will verify that all winners are subscribers.

Paradise SXM will be one of our biggest Giveaways ever. Several people will be winning vacations from us. Why not you?

24. Get SkyMed Now For All Upcoming Trips: Member Stories

On a recent Thursday at Mullet Bay Beach, a woman at the edge of the water fell and accidentally knocked down her friend, standing close by. The friend felt pain in her leg as she got up, went to a hospital, and was told she had a "soft tissue injury" and should relax in the sun. Pain continued. Next day she went to the Maho Clinic for another opinion since she couldn't put any weight on the leg without pain. The doctor there sent her to the French Side for a new x-ray. That diagnosis came back - broken leg and she had to be medically evacuated back to the US for surgery. A few days before, the woman had bought short-term SkyMed medevac protection for her short trip to

SXM. Cost, under \$100. She was sent home by jet by SkyMed. The charge for the jet: \$0. Without SkyMed, had she needed a medevac jet, the \$26,000 (approx.) price of that jet home would have had to be paid in cash in advance; with SkyMed she was home and in the hospital of her choice the next day for \$0 out-of-pocket.

Mary Beth and her partner Don were vacationing in SXM when Don fell and broke his hip -- only about a month after they had bought SkyMed. SkyMed flew them home on a medevac jet for the hospital care he needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: over \$35,000.

An MD from Florida who always visits SXM was on a cruise vacation to the Greek Islands with his wife when he broke his femur aboard the ship. He was rushed to the hospital in Corfu but called SkyMed which arranged and paid for an emergency medevac flight to Athens for urgent surgery. A few days later SkyMed evacuated him again, with an excellent male nurse, all the way home to Florida, where an ambulance took him home for recovery. Required flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: huge.

A Summer trip ended in disaster when a child visiting her grandmother in Grand Case was bitten in the head by the grandmother's bulldog, imperiling the girl's eyesight. She was flown to Miami in a medical evacuation jet for emergency eye surgery that saved her sight. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A woman from Virginia shopped at an island grocer and headed back to her car carrying two bags of groceries. She tripped and fell on a curb and knew at once she had fractured her hip. After being stabilized locally, she was flown home on a medical evacuation jet from SkyMed where she had the surgery she needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Two men were riding their horses on a hill in Cay Bay when a car backfiring spooked one of the horses, which threw its rider. The other rider got off his horse to check his companion when the car again backfired, spooking the horse again which led it to kick its dismounted driver in the head, luckily causing "only" a severely dislocated jaw. The local hospital had no ability to solve that problem so the victim was airlifted by SkyMed back to Pennsylvania for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A member of the clergy fell down cement stairs and broke her leg. She too was airlifted home by SkyMed for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Not all trips end well: anything can happen when you travel. Being a member of SkyMed was the common thread in all these cases. SkyMed takes its members home, usually in a private, ICU-equivalent medical evacuation jet -- home to doctors and hospitals the patient knows and trusts -- and home where their health insurance works. That's just one of up to 18 benefits received by SkyMed members for not much more than \$1.30/day for annual or multiyear memberships.

All this is why we always recommend SkyMed. Call Jeff Berger weekdays at 508-747-8281 and leave your name, phone number, and time zone. Jeff will call back at a mutually convenient time and answer all your questions. He can also sign you up by phone in about 10 minutes. [You're eligible to apply regardless of your age or health if you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or an American or Canadian ExPat living in SXM or certain other countries.](#)

Anything can happen anywhere: Do it today. To learn more, visit www.skymed.com/jmb, our new SkyMed site, going live shortly.. JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's regular pricing; see the story about JMB Website Supporters in this section.

25. Restaurant of the Week: SkipJack's

Although its dining area looks deceptively small from the street, Skipjacks in Simpson Bay is one of the largest, busiest restaurants on the entire island serving hundreds of loyal customers every week.

Open for lunch and dinner, the restaurant also includes its own seafood market. Its lobster selections include both Caribbean spiny lobster and a big tank of freshly flown in Maine lobsters, which some people regarded as tastier.

The restaurant's seasoned staff knows what it's doing, and Jim Hutchinson as the maître d' keeps his eye on everything each night making sure it's all running smoothly. Their huge menu includes not just seafood, but also many meat dishes and some selections for vegetarians. The pasta is especially good.

Check their crabcakes — some of the best on the island. We tried their panfried grouper during our last visit a few days ago. It was large and perfectly prepared with the right amount of seasonings.

If you've been coming to the island for any length of time, chances are high that you will see people you know here. It's that kind of restaurant. You will also be back again and again — as are we, every year. "George" Shetter has a great restaurant here which you are bound to enjoy. Tell Jimmy (maitre d') we sent you.

Pictures of what we had were posted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 2/3/20) SkipJack's triumphantly reopened with an entirely new dining deck late in January, 2019. Great place - go! Great staff and superb food in a picture postcard lagoon setting.

La Rosa Restaurant, Maho Plaza, 1/27/20: Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html

Isola next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, 1/6/20. Italian. Excellent food, many choices, busy, good specials. Many folks from Simpson Bay Resort dine here as well as many locals and lots of casino high-rollers. www.isolaristorante.com

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 12/30/19) **Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.**

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.izirestaurant.com (featured 12/2/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

Mario Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 11/26/19 Mario's Bistro is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have. Go. Phenomenal dining at very reasonable prices. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 11/18/19) New bar, great staff, service, and phenomenal food. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Not to be missed.

Mama Pizza, Porto Cupecoy (featured 11/11/19) Excellent pizza, and sizeable portions / reasonable prices on numerous other Italian specialties. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 10/28/19). Now open every day for through B/L; dinner is offered Wednesday through Sunday.

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 7/8/19) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more. Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids.

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto) (7/8/19) is the new name of Sushiitto, now relocated next door to Pineapple Pete in Simpson bay. Essentially the same menu, same staff, same great food/service.

Mandarin Pan Asian, Port de Plaisance (featured 6/10/19) Excellent Pan-Asian dining including Japanese, Thai, and Chinese. Nice setting near the casino at Port de Plaisance.

Emilio's at Emilio Wilson Estate (featured 4/21/19) is as stupendous as it ever was, with spectacular dining in an equally spectacular restored building on the Emilio Wilson Estate. Ask to see the wine cellar and the museum. Open for lunch and dinner: not to be missed.

Freedom Fighters ITAL SHACK Rasta Restaurant, www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant 4/15/19. Just go....

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 3/11/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 1/28/19) One of SXM's oldest and busiest restaurants, Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late dining. Open morning until late night. Sports on TV. Karaoke some nights.

Dany's Smooth Cupecoy Beach Bar (on Cupecoy beach); follow the road toward Shore Pointe and turn near Shore Pointe to get there. (Featured 1/20/2019) Parking, drinks, chairs and umbrellas, lolo-type food, and an all-over tan. What could possibly be better?

La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 12/30/18) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended: great food, great service, not to be missed.

Enigma C3 luxury Catamaran, www.sailstmaarten.com (featured 8/7/17). Neil's new boat is as big as Celine Too was and it has now entered service. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16) Open.

The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16) Open; contact the restaurant for details and reservations. Updated 3/2/18.

Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17) Reopened.

Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 10/17/16) Club Orient was wrecked by Irma; rebuilding is planned. ETA not yet known.

St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge Reopened.

Jimbo's, www.jimboscafe.com (featured 6/12/17) Reopened.

Taloula Mango <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15) Reopened.

You will find hundreds more restaurants from both the Dutch Side and French Side listed in the Files area of our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Group](#). Our thanks to our Admin there, Contessa Aiello, who edited the restaurant entries on that site.

26. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly

Join our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and you'll find about 25,000 SXM tourists who love SXM as much as you do.

Our site is the best place around to ask questions and get answers about SXM -- around the clock. Check it out.

27. Want to See Back Issues of SXM Weekly News? Here's How

Our *SXM Weekly News* PDF archives enable you to download any issue of Weekly News published since Spring 2014, including our amazing *2018 April Fools' Day parody* and many Special Editions.

Check it out [here](#). It has recently been thoroughly updated. Each week's newsletter is usually added just hours after mailing of that issue to its subscribers completes (Monday).

28. Major SkyMed Promo Now Underway

A major promo continues on SkyMed memberships. Not only are all multiyear SkyMed memberships heavily discounted for JMB members, but *when you buy a new multiyear SkyMed membership through us or upgrade your annual SkyMed membership bought from us to a multiyear membership, we will extend your JMB membership on us for the number of years you buy SkyMed.*

Example: Upgrade to or buy a new five-year SkyMed membership through us, and we give you a free five-year extension of your existing JMB Website Supporters membership. All you need to do is forward us a copy of the acknowledgement you receive from SkyMed after you buy new or upgrade through us. For info, see skymed.com/jmb but to qualify for these bonuses, you must buy by phoning us at (508) 747-8281 or email Jeff at jeff@jmbcommunications.com with the subject SkyMed. Give us your phone number and time zone and we'll return your call as quickly as we can. Available exclusively to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats.

29. Ensure Best SkyMed Deal - Jeff Berger / SkyMed.com/jmb

Our new SkyMed website is www.skymed.com/jmb, now live; please bookmark that and not any other site.

When you're ready to sign up for SkyMed, be sure to call us and let us take your application by phone; that way we get credit. It takes about 10 minutes, and we submit it electronically. We know what SkyMed is looking for and we can make sure you submit it efficiently; that way we do get credit for the purchase, which in a small way helps fund this newsletter and everything else we do for you.

SkyMed inquiries only can be received at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time. Thank you. Customer stories are below.

30. Going Somewhere? Get Guaranteed Renewable Annual SkyMed Protection Now, Only About \$1.35/day

SkyMed Takes You Home® when you become critically ill or injured when traveling. Without it, an emergency medical evacuation by air ambulance will cost you from \$25,000 to \$50,000 or more, sometimes much more, payable in cash in advance. Worse, you must get it before you need it - just like fire insurance.

Buy a new SkyMed multiyear five-year membership from us now by phoning us at 508-747-8281 (at about \$1.35/day price guaranteed for 10 years when we take your application by phone) and we'll give you a 5 year new or renewal JMB Website Supporters membership on us. All you need to do is email us a copy of your welcome letter from SkyMed after approval to jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject SkyMed.

Of course we'll be happy to answer your questions and we can tell you about everything SkyMed offers. Totally up to you what type of coverage you select. Much more info about SkyMed is in the next story.

You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits [here](#).

By buying guaranteed renewable annual or multiyear protection now at only about \$1.35/day, pre-existing conditions will be covered in full after a brief 90-day waiting period. SkyMed protects you in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global protection is available as well. For answers to your questions, call us today at 508-747-8281.

See next story for much more on SkyMed. Offer ends soon.

Again, our new SkyMed website is www.skymed.com/jmb: please be sure you bookmark that and not any other site. Thank you.

Customer stories are below.

Get The Current Low Price
on SkyMed's Best 5-Year Ultimate Membership
and keep the current low price on your first 5-yr. renewal.
That's a 10-year price guarantee.
More benefits... same price.

Ask Jeff for details -- call him at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only, reg. hours Eastern time.) More info? See skymed.com/jmb. SkyMed is the Principal Sponsor of JMB SXM programs.

See the [rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits](#)

31. Are You Military?

If you're U. S. Military with a DD214, you're able to get a Platinum-Status Military JMB Membership for \$16.99/year, the lowest we ever charge anyone. You get instant Platinum Status which is permanent as long as you're a JMB member plus 300+ SXM discounts and other benefits. All you do is pay for four years to start and renew in four-year increments (\$67.96). Nobody else pays so little -- our small way of expressing how grateful we all are for your service.

Visit everythingsexm.com and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB military membership. We'll also need a DD214 with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you.

32. Less Money, More Benefits, Ten Year Price Guarantee on SkyMed Ultimate

Get The Current Low Price
on SkyMed's Best 5-Year Ultimate Membership
and keep the current low price on your first 5-yr. renewal.
That's a 10-year price guarantee.
More benefits... same price.

Ask Jeff for details -- call him at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only, reg. hours Eastern time.) More info? See www.skymed.com/jmb, our new site, going live shortly.

33. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 1/27/20)

AMUSEMENTS

[Island Pedals Beer Cycle](#) (Philipsburg)

BOAT TOURS

Celine Charters (Enigma)

CAR RENTALS:

[Leisure Car Rental](#)

[Sax Car Rental](#)

[Tropical-Tropicana Car Rental](#)

Exclusive Car Rental

CUBAN CIGARS:

[Cigar Mack](#)

[SXM Cigars](#)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS:

[SkyMed International](#) (Covers the entire USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global coverage available. Sold only to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats living in these countries.)

JEWELERS:

[Zhaveri Jewelers](#) in Philipsburg.

[Caribbean Gems](#)

[Majesty Jewelers](#)

[Ray's Jewelers](#)

[Alpha Jewels](#)

[JN Jewelers \(Maho under Jax, open late\)](#) NEW!

Jewels & Beyond (Maho) NEW!

[Shoppers Haven](#)

REAL ESTATE COMPANIES:

[Island Real Estate Team](#) is widely regarded as SXM's top real estate organization. A JMB Sponsor, they offer both residential and commercial real estate in every price range. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles what you seek: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*.

Century 21 St. Maarten (new)

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Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)

Melange (Port de Plaisance)

Pelican Bistro

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Sale and Pepe

LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)

Pineapple Pete Restaurant

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant

Emilio's

Taloula's Blue Bitch Bar

Nowhere Special

ROXXY Bar / Restaurant (NEW)

LA ROSA (NEW)

NONNA ROSA (NEW)

LAZY LIZARD (NEW)

SWIMWEAR:

Endless Summer Swimwear, Philipsburg & Simpson Bay

VILLA RENTAL COMPANIES:

If you're interested in making a villa reservation (doing it with close friends can be fun and more economical than you'd imagine), contact our top recommended Villa rental/sale partners at [Island Real Estate Team](#). Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles villa rentals: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you're interested in a rental and you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*. Hundreds of villas are now online.

[Jennifer's Vacation Villas](#) has also joined us as a villa rental partner. *Jennifer's Vacation Villas* is a licensed management, real estate and villa rental company specializing in the rental of private villas and condos on both French and Dutch St. Maarten. Its proprietor, Jennifer, is a New Yorker who has been residing in St. Maarten for 40 years and whose goal is to provide guests with personal attention and to ensure that their vacations are memorable. Jennifer's Vacation Villas also does Weddings, Private Events, and any additional services including massages, boat trips, and private catering. Their aim is to make your vacation stay as comfortable, accommodating, and easy going as possible. Call 1 (721) 544-3107 | +1 (631) 546-7345. When you contact them, please tell them you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*.

Candie Billant does condo and villa rentals and sales. You will find her at blueparadiserealty.com.

GoBeach Vacations

Sunshine Properties has just joined us.

Relocation / "Papers" Consulting Companies

Bright Path is already posting on our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Group](#)

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Winter is here and with it, plenty of opportunity to bring more tourists into your business not only in the short term, but especially as tourist business increases throughout this year and beyond. Contact us today for more information.

St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW):

[Click to access our recommended real estate agent, Arun Jagtiani, featured on HGTV.](#)

Rent Out or Sell Your Timeshare (both SXM and Worldwide) -- Frequently Updated

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Want to rent or buy a week?

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SECTION 5: For Members Only

A. **Where to Get Member Info:** www.everythingsxm.com/secret

B. **Password Recovery Info:** Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at www.everythingsxm.com. To change your password, click that same link.

C. **How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad:** See www.everythingsxm.com/secret. Your username and password are required.

SECTION 6: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers) Updated 7/2017

See www.everythingsxm.com.

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